South Dakota's State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis

Purpose: To assess the impact of the opioid epidemic in South Dakota and provide coordinated efforts in the areas of education, prevention, treatment and recovery.

- As the Single State Authority for Substance Use
 Disorder Services, the South Dakota Department
 of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health
 is leading the project in collaboration with the
 South Dakota Department of Health (through
 Centers for Disease Control Data-Driven
 Prevention Initiative funding focused on
 prescription drug overdose), the Division's State
 SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral
 to Treatment) Implementation grant, and
 community partners to identify, leverage, and
 enhance community-based resources in the
 areas of prevention, treatment, and recovery
 support services.
- The project is supported by a multidisciplinary team – the Opioid Abuse Advisory Committee – and key personnel to assess, identify, and support the implementation of strategies that directly address these broad goals.

Facts/Did You Know?

- Enough doses of opiates were prescribed to South Dakotans in 2015 to medicate every adult in SD for 19 days straight.
- SD ranked 2nd lowest in the nation for ageadjusted rate of drug overdose deaths per 100.000.

Project Time Period: May 2017 - April 2019

Goals: South Dakota's efforts align with the National Governors Association's Finding Solutions to the Prescription Opioid and Heroin Crisis: A Road Map for States.



¹Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

Goal 1: Assessing need to formulate action

Partner with the South Dakota Department of Health, the SD DSS Behavioral Health Advisory Council, and other key stakeholders within South Dakota to conduct a comprehensive statewide needs assessment with focus on opioid use, and leverage the findings to respond with formative change.

Initial assessment submitted July 28, 2017 to SAMHSA.



Updates will be made in response to data sources uncovered and explored in the project.



Outcome assessment dashboard for ongoing monitoring.

Goal 2: Statewide strategic plan

Conduct and execute a collaborative planning effort to strengthen the state's capacity to prevent misuse and abuse of opioids, and drive South Dakota's strategic response to the opioid crisis.

Priority areas and supporting objectives drafted early August 2017.



Comprehensive plan reflecting CMS, CDC and SAMHSA concerns will be submitted by August 31, 2017.

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Goal 3: Prevention

Design, implement, enhance and evaluate primary and secondary prevention practices around OUD including (a) integrated drug monitoring programs, (b) training for OUD prevention and treatment providers, and (c) improved local crisis response capacity through a statewide Opiate Awareness Program.

Further equipped Prevention Resource Centers to educate and increased awareness at the local level around opioid use and abuse



100 (minimum) schools impacted, reaching thousands of high-school aged youth with prevention programming



Streamlined drug monitoring programs to promote increased utilization and registration rates, and drive earlier interventions from prescribers and dispensers to impact patients



Culturally responsive prevention materials specific to American Indians



Increased awareness and referral (self- or family/friend) to community or virtual services or supports for OUD

Goal 4: Treatment

Implement new and expand access to clinically appropriate evidence-based practices for OUD treatment across South Dakota through (a) enhanced emergency response via naloxone distribution through first responders, (b) expanded access to medication-assisted treatment via in-person and telehealth care delivery, (c) increased professional competency among treatment providers, (d) comprehensive case management strategies provided through an ECHO hub-and-spoke model of support, and (e) assistance to patients with treatment costs.

Equipped and trained emergency responders in crisis response to suspected opioid overdose using evidence-based practices



Lives saved in result of naloxone administratoin in crisis sistuations



teleECHO infrastructure in place to deliver workforce training and staff complex cases



Enhanced case management capabilities across the state, particularly in rural and undersesrved areas



Trained stakeholders within the continuum of care: OUD treatment providers, physicians and other medical staff, law enforcement, and dispensers

Goal 5: Enhanced recovery support services

Enhance recovery support services to positively impact afflicted individuals and support their personal and professional support network.

Equipped call centers with trained staff on opioid use crisis management and referral to treatment protocols



Grassroots community engagement around supporting peers and families through recovery across SD



Workplace training and education initiatives to increase awareness among adults that are impacted by opioid misuse